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SUBJECT: ANNOUNCEMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH GDR

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1. FONMIN RAMPHAL TOLD AMBASSADOR THIS MORNING THAT ESTABLISHMENT OF FORMAL DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BETWEEN GUYANA AND GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC(GDR) WILL BE ANNOUNCED IN BERLIN SATURDAY, APRIL 21, AND IN GEORGETOWN SUNDAY, APRIL 22. ELATIONS WILL BE ON NON- RESIDENT BASIS, WITH RESPECTIVE ACCREDITATION OF AS- YET UNIDENTIFIED NON- RESIDENT AMBASSADORS.

2. AS EMB HAS REPORTED, RAMPHAL HAS BEEN UNDER PRESSURE FOR SOME TIME TO ESTABLISH RELATIONS WITH GDR, WHICH PRIME MINISTER
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BURNHAM AND OTHERS WITHIN GOG BELIEVED WOULD LEAD TO WINDFALLS FOR GUYANA IN THE FORM OF ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE AND EXPANDED TRADE. SOME EAST GERMANS HAVE SHOWN SPECIAL INTEREST IN THE PAST IN GUYANA'S KAOLIN DEPOSITS.) RAMPHAL HAS RESISTED ESTABLISHMENT OF EAST GERMAN PRESENCE, HOWEVER, AND PREFERRED ESTABLISHMENT SOVIET OFFICE HERE. THIS NOW AGREED TO. EAST GERMANS SUBSEQUENTLY DROPPED THEIR EARLIER INSISTENCE ON OPENING OFFICE. RAMPHAL IS THUS PLEASED BY OUTCOME.

3. MOVE WILL OF COURSE GAIN MORE POINTS FOR BURNHAM IN HIS POLITICAL RIVALRY WITH CHEDDI JAGAN AND THE MOSCOW- ORIENTED PPP. KING

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